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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Military Information from Oranienburg

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 6 to 23 December 1950

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 18 January 1951

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. On 6 December 1950, a great deal of training activity was observed in the barracks installation bordering on Berlinerstrasse, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67), and on the Oranienburg-Germendorf railroad line. Troops were seen drilling and practicing with athletic equipment. All buildings were lighted at dusk. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were identified in the billeting area. The billeting area had three guarded gates on Berlinerstrasse. The gate on Thaelmannstrasse was the former entrance to the Air Force billeting area. It was used jointly by the Air Force and the tank unit. A new shed, capable of sheltering about 12 trucks, was under construction in front of the fuel bunkers on Thaelmannstrasse. A larger shed, in front of which about 20 trucks were parked, was located on the north side of Thaelmannstrasse.

2. Most of the buildings of the barracks installation on Bernauerallee and of the officer apartments on Bernauerallee, opposite Buschstrasse, were lighted at dusk. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were identified in the billeting area. The newly established fuel dump on Schmachtenhagenstrasse was guarded by sentries.

3. Gate guards at the Panzer Kaserne on Bernauerstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. There had been no changes in the number of troops quartered there. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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were identified in the billeting area on 17 and 23 December.

4. Sentries at the Oranienburg Castle wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twelve trucks, including [REDACTED] were parked in the castle yard. Truck [REDACTED] was seen entering the billeting area.

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5. Sentries in front of the billeting area on Sachsenhausenerstrasse, the former Kaiser factory, wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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6. Four wooden buildings, the roofs of which were level with the ground, were under construction at the athletic field west of the Heinckel Settlement. Shed facing Berlinerchaussee was used as a garage. Construction work in the restricted area was still in progress. All free spaces in the restricted area were used for the parking of trucks. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
a total of 45 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport insignia, left the restricted area toward Berlin. Five prime movers were also seen there. So far as could be identified, all houses of the Heinckel Settlement were occupied by military personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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7. About 150 unarmed troops assembled in the square behind the Oranienburg castle at 9:30 a.m. on 21 December. No training activity was observed.
8. There was no activity in the former concentration camp which was used as a billeting area for tank troops. No unusual traffic was observed in the streets of Oranienburg. *

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The present report does not indicate any substantial changes over information of 6 and 23 November [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The fact that component units of the 25th Tank Div, and presumably also headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army have been stationed in Oranienburg for a long time, and that headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army have also been stationed in Oranienburg since the fall of 1950 sufficiently accounts for both an occasional increase in vehicular traffic and for the appearance of motor vehicle [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This may have been one of the factors which gave rise to previous rumors on the location of new Soviet units in the Oranienburg area.

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